

# WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE - PROBATION

DATE: JULY 22, 2010

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BENTLEY  
GOODSPEED  
KENNY  
VANNESS  
STRAINER  
TAYLOR  
MCCOY

### OTHERS PRESENT:

MARK SAGER, PROBATION SUPERVISOR OF THE ADULT UNIT  
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ATTORNEY/ADMINISTRATOR  
NICOLE LIVINGSTON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS LOEB  
MCDEVITT  
SOKOL  
STEC  
THOMAS  
BUD YORK, SHERIFF  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
THOM RANDALL, *THE ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
AMANDA ALLEN, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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In the absence of Committee Chairman Bentley, Vice-Chairman Goodspeed called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mark Sager, Probation Supervisor of the Adult Unit, who distributed copies of the meeting agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is also on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Sager began the agenda review with a request to authorize out-of-State travel for Robert Iusi, Probation Director, to attend the American Probation and Parole Association 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Institute in Washington, DC on August 14 - 18, 2010. Mr. Sager noted there would be no cost to the County for this travel as it was being funded by NYSCOPA (New York State Council of Probation Administrators).

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the above referenced request for out-of-State travel and the necessary resolution was authorized for the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing, Mr. Sager presented a request to authorize Senior Probation Officers Natasha Corcoran and Anne Greco to attend the New York State Probation Officer's Association Conference in Albany, NY on August 11 - 13, 2010. He advised the costs of the conference would be funded by NYSDPCA (New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternative) scholarships.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to approve the request to authorize travel as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Sager proceeded to address the next agenda item which pertained to the Ignition Interlock Plan which had been submitted and approved by the NYSDPCA and would become effective on August 15, 2010. He explained the

Ignition Interlock Plan was intended to increase penalties for drivers found to be under the influence while transporting children, as well as to require drivers convicted of DWI offenses to install Ignition Interlock units within their vehicles to prevent them from driving while intoxicated. Mr. Sager apprised that the Probation Office would be responsible for monitoring all offenders released with probationary terms, while the District Attorney's Office would monitor those with conditional release provisions. He noted that any DWI cases pending since November 18, 2009 that were sentenced after August 15, 2010 would be subject to the Ignition Interlock Plan.

Mr. VanNess said that although the Committee was supportive of the Plan and its purpose, he recalled that they had decided to delay implementation of the Plan in protest, based on the fact that this appeared to be yet another unfunded mandate imposed by the State. Mr. Goodspeed interjected that although this had initially been the Committee's decision, they had subsequently decided to forward the Plan based on information received from Kate Hogan, District Attorney, which indicated that grant funding was available for implementation of the Plan, at least for the first year.

Mr. Bentley entered the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Thomas requested that an update on the cost of the Ignition Interlock Plan be provided for the Committee's benefit to ensure there was no additional cost to the County.

Mr. Goodspeed announced there were two additional requests for the Committee's consideration which had not been included on the meeting agenda, both of which were travel requests that he outlined as follows:

1. Manon Affinito to attend Investigative Responses for High Risk Victim training on August 3, 2010 at the NY State Police Academy in Albany, NY; and
2. Manon Affinito to attend Interview Techniques and Deception Detection training on October 5, 2010 at the NY State Police Academy in Albany, NY.

Mr. Sager noted that the costs associated with both travel requests totaled \$40.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to approve both travel requests as outlined above. *Copies of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention forms are on file with the minutes.*

Concluding the agenda review, Mr. Goodspeed announced that an executive session was requested to discuss matters leading to the possible termination of a particular employee.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss matters leading to the possible dismissal of a particular person, pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officer's Law.

Executive session was held from 9:39 a.m. until 9:51 a.m.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Goodspeed advised that no action was necessary following the executive session.

As there was no further business to come before the Criminal Justice Committee, on motion made by Mr. VanNess and seconded by Mr. Bentley, Mr. Goodspeed adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Allen, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist